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What this does is I'm adding some language to try to clarify the plan a little bit, add to the plan a few things that need to be addressed in that plan. What I would like and the amendment states is the format, the structure, and also probably the most...one of the most important parts is include who shall have access to the confidential information at each level. I think this will compliment Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment in addressing the confidentiality portion of the legislation that we're looking at. I wanted greater accountability in the mechanism, the funding streams, what the lines of authority will be, and each step that these lines of authority, as it works. Also public access in terms of geographic areas. It is not stated as well in legislation that the Legislature will approve or disapprove any of the existing plan, be it one bill or 40 or 50 pieces of legislation. That is what I'm trying to get at in terms of what the transition plan will be. I've added language, that was not in the original one that I was able to substitute, saying that the transition plan, including all legislation needed to implement the plan and notwithstanding existing executive authority. Department behind the glass had a little problem, they thought we would infringe on existing executive authority. That can't be done in terms of the constitution. I tried to clarify that with this amendment in that any action we do will have no effect on the existing executive authority, and it will be voted on at our next legislative session, that session being our January '97 session. With that, I will try to answer any questions. Again, this does not affect the date of implementation, it does not affect this plan that they're putting forth, they're going forward. All I'm asking is expanding a little bit what the plan addresses, and I also ask that there's language there that the Legislature will approve those portions of the plan that will be put forth or reject those portions in terms of legislation that will come from the plan. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Avery. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: I have a priority motion, Madam President. But items for the record, if I may. Senator Wickersham, amendments to LB 1368; Senator Maurstad, to LB 1363. Attorney General's Opinion to Senator Maurstad (re. LB 1276). Bills read on Final Reading this morning have been presented to the Governor. (Re. LB 532, LB 689, LB 934, LB 966, LB 974, LB 984, and LB 1036.)